

BIOGRAPHY

Nathan Wright, Jr., Ed.D.

Nathan Wright, Jr. served as Chairman of the 1967 National Conference on Black Power held in Newark, New Jersey. An education and urbanization consultant, he is currently Executive Director of the Department of Urban Work of the Episcopal Diocese of Newark, New Jersey. He is the author of the award-winning BLACK POWER AND URBAN UNREST: CREATIVE POSSIBILITIES (Hawthorn Books, New York, 1967). His new book READY TO RIOT (Holt, Rinehart & Winston, New York) will be published in the early spring of 1968.

George Harris, Senior Editor of LOOK MAGAZINE, wrote of Dr. Wright: "Dr. Wright has a better grasp of the implications of Black Power and of the present direction of the freedom movement than any other intellectual I have been able to find."

A native of Shreveport, Louisiana, Dr. Wright holds five college degrees, including a bachelor of divinity from the Episcopal Theological School, Cambridge, Massachusetts, and a doctorate in education from Harvard University. Before going to Newark, he served on the staff of the Massachusetts Education Commission, which produced the renowned Massachusetts Education Report. While in Massachusetts he was a member of the Governor's Advisory Committee on Civil Rights, Boston's Mayor's Committee on Housing, and the Executive Committee of the Massachusetts Civil Liberties Union.

He organized and was the first Field Representative of New England's Congress of Racial Equality, and participated in their first Freedom Ride in 1948. He also founded and ran Massachusetts' first non-profit school for remedial education and supplementary and cultural enrichment.

Dr. Wright is Lecturer in Urban Sociology at New York City Community College, and has written several books on religious and social subjects, including the award-winning ONE BREAD, ONE BODY. He is married, and has five children.

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